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SUBJECT: SED LEADERSHIP APPLAUDS SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS

1. THE SED ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND PUBLISHED ON MARCH 8 A LONG, FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL OF FULSOME PRAISE FOR THE RECENTLY-CONCLUDED SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS. THE EDITORIAL IS REPLETE WITH REFERENCES TO THE SOVIET UNION'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD AS THE VANGUARD OF THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. THE THEME OF COMMUNISM ON THE MOVE IS PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE PIECE WHICH ENDS BY ASSOCIATING THE GDR CLOSELY WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND WITH PORTENTS THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORTHCOMING SED PARTY CONGRESS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL

IN MARSHALLING EAST GERMAN RESOURCES BEHIND THE ONWARD MARCH OF COMMUNISM LED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

2. THE EDITORIAL ATTRIBUTES SOVIET SUCCESS TO THE CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF MARX AND LENIN WHICH HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE LIVING STANDARD OF SOVIET CITIZENS TO BE RAISED DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS PLAN. SOVIET COMMUNISM HAS ALSO ASSURED THAT INDIVIDUAL WELL-BEING AND THE INTERESTS OF THE WHOLE SOCIETY ARE CONSISTENTLY PURSUED. THE FIVE YEAR PLAN TO 1980 WILL HAVE AS IT S MAJOR GOAL THE IMPORVEMENT OF THE "MATERIAL-CULTURAL" LIVING STANDARD OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE, THE PIECE STATES. MOREOVER, ACCORDING TO THIS EDITORIAL, THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR FULFILLMENT OF SOVIET ECONOMIC PLANS THROUGH 1990 WILL BE DOUBLE THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE DURING THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS AND WILL MAKE PROGRESS ALL THE MORE INEVITABLE..

3. THE SOVIET UNION LIKEWISE RECEIVES PRAISE FOR ITS
FOREIGN POLICY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE
REALM OF DISARMAMENT AND ITS EFFORTS TOWARD ENDING THE INTERNATIONAL
ARMS RACE. AT THE SAME TIME, ND GARNERS SOME
ACCOLADES FOR THE SED FOR PURSUING A FOREIGN
POLICY CONSISTENT WITH THE "PEACE PLAN"OF THE
24TH SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS WHICH IS NOW EMBODIED IN
THE PROPOSALS FOR THE SEDS OWN PARTY CONGRESS IN MAY.
EVER CLOSER FOREIGN POLICY COORDINATION AND DIRECTION
AMONG THE SOCIALIST PARTIES OF EASTERN EUROPE FORMS
THE BASIS FOR FUTURE PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING WORLD
PEACE, ACCORDING TO ND.

4. COMMENT: THE ND EDITORIAL REPRESENTS A STATEMENT OF FULL SUPPORT BY THE SED OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY AND MENTIONS NO OTHER PARTIES OR COUNCTRIES BEYOND THOSE OF EASTERN EUROPE. THERE IS NO MENTION OF BREZHNEV'S REFERENCES DURING THE SOVIET CONFERENCE TO DETENTE OR TO
A RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN EUROPE, OR INDEED TO THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI AND COOPERATION WITH NON-COMMUNIST STATES WHICH ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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